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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Advisory Group

SUBJECT: 1979 Program Topics

1. The following discussion, based on data provided by the directorates, is intended to permit the EAG to reach decisions that will:

- put CIA in a sound position for any necessary negotiation with the IC Staff on adjustment of the CFI's tentative guidance figure for 1979 before the CFI issues a revised guidance figure in January;
- form the basis for the guidance that the Comptroller will provide to the directorates on formal Program Submissions for 1979; and
- lead to a 1979 Program that will not invite severe OMB and Congressional cuts.

2. We have received an advance copy of the CFI's Resource Guidance for the National Foreign Intelligence Program for 1979 through 1983. Some of the guidelines directed at the Community as a whole are worth noting:

- there is need for "a more concentrated review and evaluation of intelligence consumer needs";
- "manpower needed for new capabilities will be provided initially by trade-offs from administrative and related support activities and by redistribution from lower priority activities";
- "manpower levels are not expected to increase noticeably in any single program over the next five years";
- the Intelligence Handling Committee of the IC Staff will "identify specific ADP/communication issues" for the 1979-83 NFIP review, and "provide by May 1977 coordinated recommendations on each issue"; and

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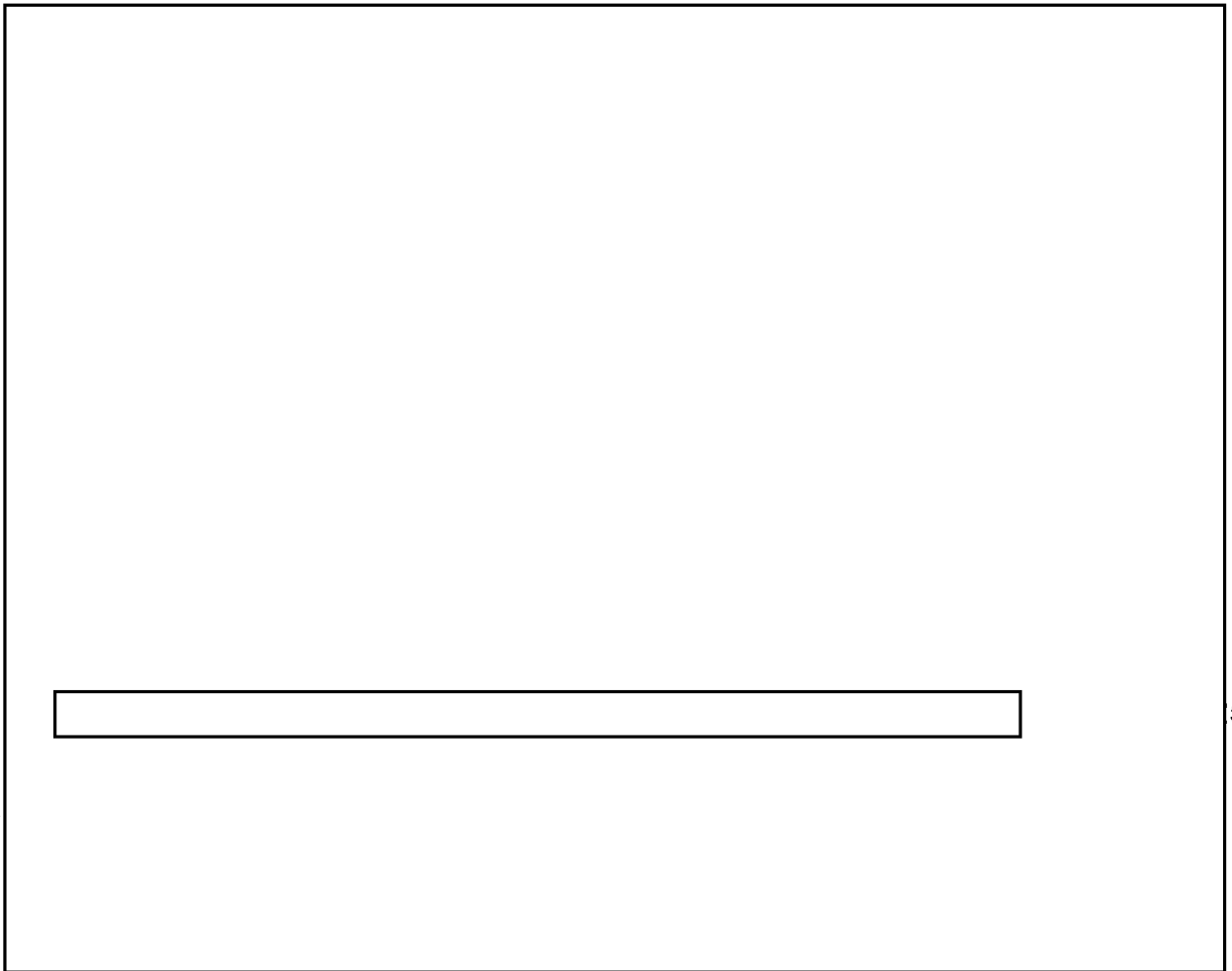
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--the CFI will review funding for DIA's Advanced Defense Intelligence Support System (ADISS) and CIA's Secure Analyst File Environment (SAFE) "with a clear goal of intersystem compatibility".

3. With particular regard to CIA, the draft guidance memorandum states:

--CIA will continue to produce and disseminate "foreign political, economic, scientific, technical and military, sociological and geographic intelligence";

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4. The draft guidance memorandum then suggests that CIA accomplish its tasks from 1979 through at least 1982 by staying at a manpower ceiling of



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* The numerical data are drawn from an earlier draft; something clearly is wrong with the latest version.

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Proposed List of Major Questions
for CIA Attention

- A. Soviet political and military intentions toward the United States and other geographical areas that are strategically important to U. S. national security.
- B. Current conventional and nuclear military capabilities of the Soviet Union.
- C. Soviet research and development activities to develop destabilizing weapon systems.
- D. The Soviet Union's internal preparations and organizational structure that contribute to their war fighting capability.
- E. Political, economic and technological strengths and weaknesses of the Soviet Union.
- F. Nuclear Proliferation.
- G. Technology transfer.
- H. Sino-Soviet relations.
- I. Energy and Economic issues that significantly affect the economies of world powers.

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Ben Y -

I have no idea where
the numbers here came from.
The SEC area (Hof/Sec) has
submitted no numbers
for FY79 budget. Requirements
may well be beyond those
shown here. OGC is making
noise about needing more
lawyers. OLC needs more
people. I.G. may well
need more. NIO is considering
requirements for new treaties
FEO wants for or say more.
Second, I really don't

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know how anyone who
has lived through all
the problems of control and
retrieval of documents
during the past 2 years
or so can even think of
reducing registries at
this time.

I have talked to [redacted]
who says not to worry
too much about these
numbers. This is a first
cut at something which
will get much massaging over
the next 5 or 6 months.

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